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Title Recognizer of Text-Based Work

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED
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Brief Summary of Selected Substantive Portions of this Response

[0001] In a telephone discussion (on May 2, 2007), the Examiner "Vik" and I discussed how the claims differed from the cited art, namely Hull. Based upon the Examiner's suggestions, I amend herein several claims to clarify that the filtered subtext being hashed is in an "image." In other words, rather than hashing the text or some "descriptor" of that text, *an image of the text* is being hashed. This differs from Hull.

[0002] This brief summary is not intended to represent the Applicant's full response to the Action. Rather, it is merely a brief summary of selected substantive portions of the response herein.